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Polymer Matrix for Use in Medical Devices

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AMENDMENT

This response is filed in reply to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003.
Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and the application be
reconsidered in view of the following comments.